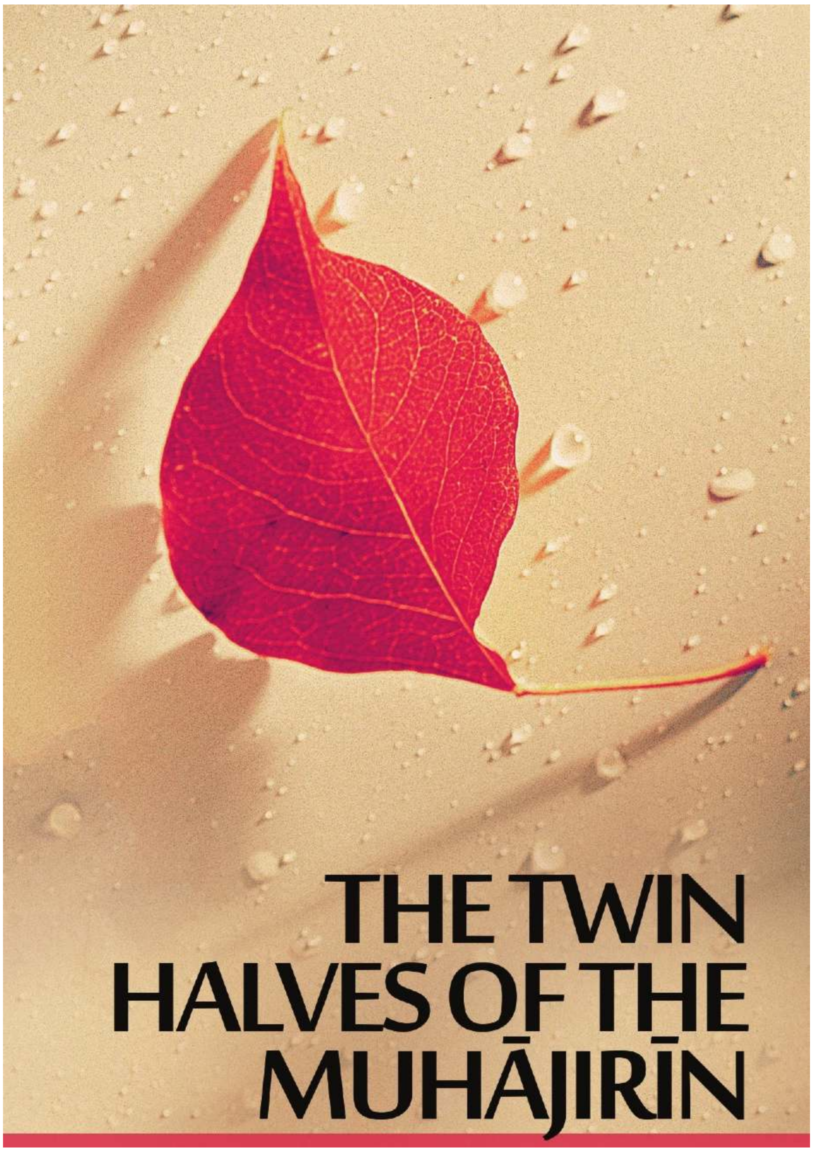

TWIN HALVES OF THE MUHAJIRIN

In the name of Allah who revealed an ayah about the muhājirāt and preserved it in the clear-cut revelation until the establishment of the Hour. May blessings and peace be upon the Imam of the mujahidin and the beloved of the Ansar and Muhājirīn as well as his family, companions, and good followers until the Day of Recompense. As for what follows: Because hijrāh for Allah's cause is a great matter.

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says:

{AND THE FIRST FORERUNNERS AMONG THE MUHĀJIRĪN AND THE ANSĀR AND THOSE WHO FOLLOWED THEM WITH GOOD CONDUCT – ALLAH IS PLEASED WITH THEM AND THEY ARE PLEASED WITH HIM, AND HE HAS PREPARED FOR THEM GARDENS BENEATH WHICH RIVERS FLOW, WHEREIN THEY WILL ABIDE FOREVER. THAT IS THE GREAT SUCCESS}
[Surah At Tawbah 9:100]

Similarly, if not for the greatness of hijrah, the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و سلم) would not have given it as an example in the hadith "actions are according to intentions," as he said, "So whoever's hijrah is to Allah and His Messenger, then his hijrah is to Allah and His Messenger." Hijrah from Makkah to al-Madinah also represented a great event and important turning point in the prophetic mission, as it contained many great lessons. Rather, it was the greatest event in the history of Islam, and for this reason it was used as the basis for the Islamic calendar.

Hijrah for Allah's cause has many purposes, amongst them being to escape tribulations, fearing that one may fall into them and that his religion may be affected by them. Also, getting used to seeing kufr and shirk without changing it could lead to death of the heart, to the point that the person does not recognize Islam and its people.

Also, from amongst the purposes of hijrah is to join the sides of the Muslims, support them, strengthen their forces, and wage jihad against the enemies of Allah and their enemies.

Hijrah, as it was defined by Ibn Qudamah (رحيم الله) is,

"TO LEAVE DĀRUL-KUFR FOR DĀRUL-ISLĀM"
[Al-Mughni]

Sa'd Ibn 'Atīq (رحيم الله) said,

"IT IS MIGRATING FROM THE PLACES OF SHIRK AND SIN TO THE LAND OF ISLAM AND OBEDIENCE"
[Ad Durar As Saniyyah]

So dārul Islam is the place ruled by Muslims, where the Islamic laws are executed, where authority is for the Muslims, even if the majority of its population are kuffār from ahlul dhimmah.

As for dārul kufr, then it is the place ruled by kuffār, where the laws of kufr are executed, where authority is for the kuffār, even if the majority of the population are Muslims.

As for the ruling on hijrah from dārul-kufr to dārul-Islam, then it is obligatory.

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) said,

{INDEED, THOSE WHOM THE ANGELS TAKE [IN DEATH] WHILE WRONGING THEMSELVES – [THE ANGELS] WILL SAY, "IN WHAT [CONDITION] WERE YOU?" THEY WILL SAY, "WE WERE OPPRESSED IN THE LAND." THE ANGELS WILL SAY, "WAS NOT THE EARTH OF ALLAH SPACIOUS [ENOUGH] FOR YOU TO EMIGRATE THEREIN?" FOR THOSE, THEIR REFUGE IS HELL – AND EVIL IT IS AS A DESTINATION}
[Surah An Nisā' 4:97]

Ibn Kathīr (رحيم الله) said,

"The ayah indicates the general obligation of hijrah. So, everyone who lives amongst the mushrikīn while being able to perform hijrah and not being able to establish his religion, then he is wronging himself and committing sin. This is in accordance with ijma'.

Abu Dawud reported through his isnad on the authority of Samurah Ibn Jundub (رضي الله عنه) that Rasūlullāh (صلى الله عليه و سلم) said,

'WHOEVER GATHERS AND LIVES WITH THE MUSHRIK, THEN HE IS LIKE HIM.'"

Also, if there were no evidences for the obligation of hijrah except the following ahādīth of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و سلم),

"HIJRAH WILL NOT CEASE AS LONG AS THERE IS REPENTANCE, AND REPENTANCE WILL NOT CEASE UNTIL THE SUN RISES FROM THE WEST"
[Reported by Abu Dawud]

"HIJRAH WILL NOT CEASE AS LONG AS THERE IS JIHĀD"
[Reported by Imam Ahmad]

"I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH ANY MUSLIM WHO RESIDES AMONGST THE MUSHRIKĪN"
[Reported by Abu Dawud and at- Tirmidhi]

And

"HIJRAH WILL NOT CEASE AS LONG AS THE ENEMY IS FOUGHT"
[Reported by Imam Ahmad and an-Nasai]

it would suffice us to refute the doubts of the doubters and the rumours of the fear mongers.

This ruling is an obligation upon women just as it is upon men, for Allah (ta'ālā), when excluding those incapables of performing hijrah, He excluded the incapable women just as He excluded the incapable men.

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) said,

{EXCEPT FOR THE OPPRESSED AMONG MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHO CANNOT DEVISE A PLAN NOR ARE THEY DIRECTED TO A WAY – FOR THOSE IT IS EXPECTED THAT ALLAH WILL PARDON THEM, AND ALLAH IS EVER PARDONING AND FORGIVING}
[Surah An Nisā' 4:98-99]

The Prophet (صلى الله عليه و سلم) has also said,

"WOMEN ARE THE TWIN HALVES OF MEN"
[Reported by Abu Dawud, at- Tirmidhi, and Ibn Majah]

If speaking about the Muhājirīn is amazing, then speaking about their twin halves the muhājirāt is even more amazing! How many stories have we heard which we would not have believed if not for hearing them directly from the mouths of those sisters involved or seeing these sisters with our own eyes; otherwise, we would have thought them the product of imagination or something impossible!

We saw sisters who divorced the Dunya and came to their Lord, striving. we saw sisters who abstained from a life of luxury and abundant wealth. we saw sisters who abandoned a beautiful home and luxurious car, and ran for the cause of their Lord.

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says:

{"MY LORD, BUILD FOR ME NEAR YOU A HOUSE IN JANNAH"}
[Surah At Tahrīm 66:11]

Consider them as such, and Allah is their judge!

They are as fragile as glass bottles but their souls are those of men with ambitions almost hugging the heavens. Yes, these are the muwahhidah muhājirah sisters who performed hijrah.

They inherited this ambition from the Mother of the Believers Sawdah Bint Zam'ah (radiyallāhu 'anhā), wife of their Prophet (صلى الله عليه و سلم).

She was the one who performed hijrah to Ethiopia and al-Madinah, leaving Makkah despite its virtue. And eleven women from Quraysh as well as seven women from other tribes performed hijrah from Makkah to Ethiopia on the second hijrah there!

The stories of the hijrah of the muwahhidāt that have been narrated to me are almost never free of hardship and tribulations. All of them start with the sister resolving to depart for her Lord's cause.

The first obstacle the muhājirah faces is the family. And what can make you know what the family is! In most of the cases, the families are from the laymen Muslims, and with these people, merely thinking about proposing the subject of hijrah to them is like butting a rock with your head.

By Allah, a sister who left in the accompaniment of her husband for hijrah and was surprised to be stopped by the soldiers of the tāghūt in the airport after her parents had sent a notice to the police! This is a story of a woman with a mahram, so what of a woman without a mahram?

A woman's hijrah from dārul- kufr is obligatory whether or not she has a mahram, if she is able to find a relatively safe way and fears Allah regarding herself.

She should not wait for anyone but should escape with her religion and reach the land where Islam and its people are honoured. Whoever doubts this, then let him review the books of fiqh and opinions of the imams so that he may inform us concerning who this noble ayah was revealed:

{O YOU WHO HAVE BELIEVED, WHEN THE BELIEVING WOMEN COME TO YOU AS MUHĀJIRĀT, THEN TEST THEM [MEANING, TEST THEIR FAITH]. ALLAH IS MOST KNOWING AS TO THEIR FAITH. AND IF YOU KNOW THEM TO BE BELIEVERS, THEN DO NOT RETURN THEM TO THE KUFFĀR}
[Surah Al Mumtahanah 60:10]

The muhājirah sister thereby passes over the obstacle of family through ways and measures that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) facilitates and then goes through the hardship of a long journey that is also exciting and full of memories.

Hijrah is like leave from darkness to light, from caves of darkness to a welcoming green land. Rather, by Allah, it is as if we are resurrected, from death to life!

Yes, there is fear and anxiety, because the hypocrites lurk in ambush for the muwahhidīn, but who is it that keeps people firm? Who keeps them secure? Who sends tranquillity down upon His weak slaves? It is Allah, the King of kings!

Was the path of truth covered with anything but thorns? Was Jannah surrounded with anything but disliked matters? On the path towards Jannah, there is no place for the fearful and for cowards!

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) said,

{INDEED, THOSE WHOM THE ANGELS TAKE [IN DEATH] WHILE WRONGING THEMSELVES – [THE ANGELS] WILL SAY, "IN WHAT [CONDITION] WERE YOU?" THEY WILL SAY, "WE WERE OPPRESSED IN THE LAND." THE ANGELS WILL SAY, "WAS NOT THE EARTH OF ALLAH SPACIOUS [ENOUGH] FOR YOU TO EMIGRATE THEREIN?" FOR THOSE, THEIR REFUGE IS HELL – AND EVIL IT IS AS A DESTINATION}
[Surah An Nisā' 4:97]

Ibn Qudamah (رحيم الله) said,

"THIS IS A SEVERE THREAT INDICATIVE OF AN OBLIGATION"
[Al-Mughni]

Some ears of Allah's female slaves heard this ayah and comprehended it, so they rolled up their sleeves and abandoned their lands, families, and friends, and their goal was to live under the shade of Allah's Sharī'ah.

As for the ears of the men from my people, then it is as if they are deaf, except for those whom Allah has saved.

This one is pulled by the Dunya.

The other is inhibited by a wife.

Another asked for the opinion of a terrified "shaykh" that answered, "My boy, sit back. Be wary of tribulations!" Shaytān whispered deeply into others' minds, so matters became blurry for them; they no longer could recognize good from evil.

To them: Perform two raka'āt in the depths of the night with truthful prostrations, and make supplications soaked with tears, and say,

"O Allah, show me the truth as truth and guide me to following it, and show me the falsehood as falsehood, and guide me to avoid it." If you are truthful, then by Allah's might and strength, you will not stay back for long.

They understood that Hārithah is in Firdaws in accordance with the testimony of mankind's leader – may my father and mother be sacrificed for him. For, "Hārithah was injured on the day of Badr while he was a young lad, so his mother came to the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و سلم) and said,

'O RASŪLULLĀH, YOU KNOW HĀRITHAH'S PLACE IN MY HEART. IF HE IS IN JANNAH, I WILL BE PATIENT AND AWAIT REWARD, BUT IF IT IS THE OTHER… WHAT DO YOU ADVISE I DO?' SO, HE (SALLALLĀHU 'ALAYHI WA SALLAM) SAID, 'WOE UNTO YOU, HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND? IS IT JUST ONE JANNAH? THERE ARE MANY LEVELS IN JANNAH AND HE IS IN AL-FIRDAWS'"
(Sahih Bukhārī)

Be firm, my dear sister, be patient, and await your reward. Know that you have sisters who have been afflicted with great afflictions. Some of their husbands were killed, some were amputated, some were paralysed, and some were imprisoned, but their wives were firm like the firmest of mountains.

The tribulations did not increase them in anything but firmness and patience. Do not forget that reward is in accordance with the degree of hardship and

"THE MATTER OF THE BELIEVER IS AMAZING. ALL OF HIS AFFAIRS ARE GOOD AND THAT IS ONLY FOR THE BELIEVER. IF HE IS AFFLICTED WITH HAPPINESS, HE THANKS ALLAH AND THAT IS GOOD FOR HIM. AND IF HE IS AFFLICTED WITH HARDSHIP, HE IS PATIENT AND SO IT IS GOOD FOR HIM"
[Sahih Muslim]

This is the path for the patient believing women, not the half-men. Muwahhidāt who do not fear anything but Allah.